

Clark County ESA Program 2002 Work Plan

ESA Vision- A healthy environment supporting healthy communities.

ESA Mission- Working with citizens and governments to recover threatened and endangered native species through policy, education and conservation.

ESA Goals-

1. Policy: To inform policy decisions that have the potential to impact healthy, viable populations of native species.
2. Education: An informed public that supports the value of healthy, viable populations of native species.
3. Conservation: Healthy habitats necessary to support healthy, viable populations of native species.

Goal 1. Policy: To inform policy decisions that have the potential to impact healthy, viable populations of native species.

Objective 1.1. 4(d) Compliance Certification.

Assess the Clark County suite of environmental ordinances for responsiveness to the MRCI limit evaluation considerations. Establish environmental baselines in three watersheds and determine how the application of the ordinances would affect the habitat forming processes described by the baselines as development within the basins occurs. Ensure that Comprehensive Plan revisions support “ESA certifiable” ordinances. Amend the ordinances as necessary to address shortcomings exposed by the effects analysis. Submit the amended ordinance package to NMFS for certification of compliance with the ESA 4(d) rule.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
Ordinance assessment, environmental baseline and draft effects analysis completed. Comprehensive Plan revisions support salmon recovery. Proposed amendments under discussion.	BLUC, EBT, Effects Analysis Matrix completed for East Fork, Salmon Creek and Lacamas Creek sub-basins. Comprehensive Plan revision recommendations.	Joel, John	Shapiro, ESA Advisory Committee, NMFS

Objective 1.2. Habitat Conservation Plan.

Assess the operations of county departments for compliance with the ESA. Evaluate the land management policies of the county for opportunities to enhance fish habitat. Upgrade the operations and policies as appropriate, and compile them into a set of best management practices. Conduct an effects analysis on the application of these practices. Seek funding for capital upgrades determined as needed by the effects analysis. Negotiate a Habitat Conservation Plan Contract with NMFS based on the application of the best management practices and the anticipated capital expenditures.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
Assessment and policy evaluation underway.	Draft assessment reports and policy evaluations.	Joel, John	BOCC, County Departments, Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office, NMFS

Objective 1.3. Recovery Planning.

Work with partners to develop and formally adopt a regional recovery plan that identifies the things that need to be done, assigns responsibilities for doing those things and establishes an accountability system to ensure the things get done. Insert Clark County's recovery work into the plan as appropriate.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
Adopt Regional Recovery Plan Outline that identifies recovery objectives, broad work elements and assigns timely responsibility for development of details.	As cited in outcome.	Joel	LCFRB, GSRO, WDFW, DOE, NWPPC, NMFS, USF&W, LCREP

Objective 1.4. Governmental Contacts.

Participate with governmental and quasi-governmental entities to promote coordination of efforts. Understand and pursue funding opportunities. Maintain a presence at state and federal levels to ensure Clark County's voice is heard. Contact Oregon entities to share experiences and to raise common issues. Keep in touch with Washington counties and cities to understand their efforts. Coordinate with Clark County cities and other governmental entities and assist them and to ensure efficiencies.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
Local and regional watershed assessments are coordinated and non-duplicative. 2 project grants within Clark County are awarded (Objective 3.2). AFW and Forest and Fish implementations fit local conditions. A cross-river local government forum is produced. Clark County and regional recovery efforts are presented at the Sustainable Fisheries Foundation Conference in Spokane. A "habitat enhancement responsibilities" forum is conducted for SW Washington counties and cities.	Coordinated Accountability Program Outline. Cited forums and presentations produced.	Joel	Clark County PW, LCFRB, GSRO, SRFB, NWPPC, LCREP, AFW, FPAB, SFF, DOE, WDFW, cities of Clark County

Objective 1.5. Watershed Approaches.

Determine if a watershed approach for responding to environmental issues is possible, feasible and economically viable. Compare the development of a unique watershed assessment tool to adoption of the International Standards Organization 14001 model. Report analysis results to BOCC for further direction.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
ISO and Shapiro models are assessed and compared.	Report to BOCC on pro's and con's of using a watershed approach in responding to environmental issues.	Joel	Shapiro, EC2

Objective 1.6. BOCC Communications.

Schedule regular work sessions with the BOCC. Meet individually as appropriate. Upon request, provide information about potential ESA effects of decisions or actions under consideration by the BOCC. Support BOCC decisions and actions. Assist communications between the ESA Advisory Committee and the BOCC.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
BOCC is knowledgeable about fish recovery issues and has access to relevant information in making decisions that could affect ESA listed species.	Work session memorials. Decision or action specific white papers.	Joel, John	Community Development, Public Works, ESA Advisory Committee

Objective 1.7. County Ad Hoc Committees.

Participate in internal ad-hoc committees that relate to endangered species issues. Promote coordination and consistency with ESA Program goals.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
Committees organized to address environmental analysis, code consolidation, wetlands banking and hazards mitigation are informed as to potential listed species impacts. Newly formed committees have access to ESA information as needed.	Committee reports.	Joel, John and Don	PW, CD, CRESA, OBIS

Goal 2- Education: An informed public that supports the value of healthy, viable populations of native species.

Objective 2.1. Speakers Bureau.

Maintain and upgrade Speakers Bureau program. Keep presentation modules up to date. Develop a new module for schools. Recruit and train speakers as needed. Solicit and schedule presentations to organizations. Maintain a tracking system of presentations and issues raised.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
12 presentations given to organizations. 3 presentations given to classrooms.	Updated Speakers' Manual with modules in PowerPoint CD format.	Don, Joni	Volunteer Speakers, ESA Advisory Committee, Community Organizations, Schools

Objective 2.2. Sammy's.

Continue the awards program that recognizes local citizens' efforts to recover fish. Solicit and evaluate nominations, determine award winners and honorable mentions. Produce an awards program featuring the commissioners and a recognized keynote speaker. Present a video of the winning projects.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
Sammy awards program in May.	Award video, collateral materials.	Don, Joni	PIO, Selection Committee, BOCC, Speaker, Water Resources Center

Objective 2.3. Printed Materials.

Update and continue newsletter. Review and re-print fact sheets as necessary. Create "branding" program for continuity in publications. Assist in development of inter-departmental environmental coordination brochure. Follow-up with Parks Department sign project.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
Publication of “branded” newsletter, fact sheets and coordination brochure. Informational signs installed.	Printed materials cited.	Don, Joni	PIO, Environmental Services, Parks Department

Objective 2.4. Electronic Materials.

Update and keep current the ESA Program website. Submit ESA Corner articles for FYI Online. Promote and distribute salmon-friendly game CD.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
Public and internal access to ESA Program information. Game widely distributed.	Website, ESA Corner, Game CD, Electronic Newsletter.	Don	PIO, Information Services, Schools

Objective 2.5. Organizational Contacts.

Participate in local and regional fish and habitat oriented organizations. Through contacts, promote coordinated fish recovery plans.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
ESA Program understanding of local and regional fish recovery activities.	List of organizations that are promoting fish recovery efforts.	Don, Joni	ESA Advisory Committee, Habitat Partners, ESA Regional Coordinators, Regional Coalition, For the Sake of the Salmon, Fish First, Fish Enhancement Group, Clark Conservation Dist., WSU Coop. Ext. Watershed Stewards

Objective 2.6. Citizen Contacts.

Respond to all citizen contacts. Refer volunteers to appropriate opportunities. Maintain up to date mailing list. Identify citizens whom it would be important to contact.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
All citizen queries are answered. Volunteers access opportunities. Mailing list is current.	Current mailing list that includes all interested parties and essential contacts.	Don, Joni	EIC

Objective 2.7. Teaching Opportunities.

Continue Erosion Control and Watershed Steward training. Develop and teach ESA curriculum for Community Development University.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
4 Erosion Control sessions. 2 Watershed Stewards classes. 2 CDU training conducted.	ESA curriculum.	John	Comm. Dev., WSU Ext. Watershed Stewards, BIASW

Objective 2.8. Outreach to Media.

Conduct one-on-one interviews with newspaper, television and radio reporters covering Clark County. Establish an information sharing conduit that is trusted as unbiased.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
Working relationships are established with media members.	2 informative, comprehensive stories about ESA Program approach in local media.	Joel, Don	Columbian, Reflector, Oregonian, KVAN, CVTV, Ch's 2, 6, 8 and 49

Goal 3- Conservation: Healthy habitats necessary to support healthy, viable populations of native species.

Objective 3.1. Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) Watershed Plan Development.

Using available and new data, develop watershed plans for WRIA's 27 and 28 encompassing all of Clark County and parts of Cowlitz and Skamania Counties. Plans will address water quantity, quality, habitat and in-stream flows. They will be developed under the direction of a planning unit representing a variety of stakeholders and proposed for adoption by the BOCC's of each county. This project is funded by DOE and is managed by LCFRB. Clark County participates as a stakeholder.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
Phase 2 data collection under way to understand impacts on stream flows of withdrawals from surface and ground water.	Phase 2 consultant contract, draft reports of findings.	Joel	BOCC, LCFRB, DOE, Planning Unit stakeholders

Objective 3.2. Monitoring.

Determine monitoring requirements for all program elements, including data type, quality, timing and reporting. Locate data collection points. Coordinate data collection activities with internal and external partners. Participate in data sharing program. Collate and report as required. Design and implement adaptive management system that responds to accountability results.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
Coordinated Monitoring Plan adopted.	Coordinated Monitoring Plan.	John	PW, LCFRB, CPU, WSU Coop. Ext., Cities, Schools, LCREP, State Agencies, Non-profits, ESA Advisory Committee

Objective 3.3. Restoration Project Identification, Funding and Implementation.

Using available scientific analyses, identify priority restoration projects. Seek funding and implementing partners (Objective 1.4). Coordinate with Public Works for contract and project management.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
2 high priority projects are packaged, funded and ready for permitting.	List and map of priority projects, potential partners, estimated costs and predicted outcomes of	John	PW, LCFRB, CPU, ESA Advisory Committee, Fish

	implementation.		First, Shapiro
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Objective 3.4. Habitat Landowner Outreach Program.

Identify owners of small non-agricultural parcels containing priority habitats in the rural areas and assist voluntary participants in the development and implementation of stewardship plans. Partner with the Clark Conservation District and the WSU Watershed Stewards in this effort. Secure funding for outreach workers and implementation assistance. Develop an incentive program for landowner participation.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
Funding secured; Program Start-up; 10 committed landowners.	List and map of prioritized parcels with owners, partner contracts, landowner contracts, program protocols, stewardship plan outline, funding contract, incentive package.	Joel	CCD, WSU Coop. Ext., ESA Advisory Committee, LCFRB, GIS, Pros. Atty. Civil Div.

4. Additional Work Elements:

Element 4.1. Administration.

Ensure understanding of office procedures and communications. Promote daily connection to vision/mission, goals and objectives. Negotiate and manage contracts. Track expenditures. Respond to administrative directives. Ensure a safe, non-threatening work environment.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
Contracts produce timely outputs. Expenditures stay within budget. There are no reported injuries or cases of harassment. Weekly staff meetings occur.	Vision/mission, goals and objectives posters. Contracts as needed.	Joel, Joni	County Administrator, Human Resources, OBIS

Element 4.2 Budget.

Prepare 2003-04 Budget.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
Budget presented for adoption.	Budget	Joel, Joni	BOCC, OBIS, County Administrator

Element 4.3 Accountability.

Develop and implement a accountability plan that measures compliance and effectiveness, and anticipates mission validation.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
Reportable compliance and effectiveness measures.	ESA Program Year-end Report.	All	ESA Advisory Committee

Element 4.4 ESA Advisory Committee.

Provide staff support to the ESA Advisory Committee.

2002 Outcome	Products	Lead	Partners
Advisory Committee accomplishes	Meeting support and	John	ESA Advisory

its work program.	documentation, minutes.		Committee
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